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FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF NOVEMBER 21 TELEGRAM FROM HEAD OF STATE OF COMOROS TO PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, "FOR THEIR INFORMATION."

QUOTE FROM: SAID MOHAMED JAFFAR, HEAD OF STATE OF THE COMOROS

ADDRESSED TO: PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, NEW YORK

HAVE THE HONOUR TO REPORT TO YOU THAT TODAY 21 NOVEMBER 1975 IN THE ISLAND OF MAYOTTE, AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE STATE OF THE COMOROS, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS ORGANIZING FROM 4 HOURS GMT ONWARDS A MARCH FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS STRICTLY PEACEFUL OPERATION, LED BY ALI SOILIH, SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE AND JUSTICE OF THE STATE OF THE COMOROS, IS TO ESTABLISH THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THAT ISLAND, IN WHICH FRENCH AUTHORITY IS BEING EXERCISED ILLEGALLY SINCE THE PROCLAMATION
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THE HEAD OF A FEW HUNDRED UNARMED MILITANTS. AS THE REACTION
OF THE NUMEROUS FRENCH MILITARY FORCES ON THE ISLAND IS
UNKNOWN, REQUEST YOU TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT
A POSSIBLY BLOODY CLASH. I URGENTLY APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND TO ALL PEACE-LOVING FORCES TO SUPPORT THE COMORIAN PEOPLE
IN ITS JUST STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.
IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE ISLAND
OF MAYOTTE AND THE SERIOUS THREAT TO ITS INHABITANTS,
I URGE YOU TO USE EVERY MEANS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FRENCH
MILITARY FORCES STATIONED ON THE ISLAND AND THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN MAYOTTE. EVENTS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED.

SAID MOHAMED JAFFAR
HEAD OF STATE OF THE COMOROS UNQUOTE
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